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NEW GAS WELL TO BE NEARER CITY.

COMMITTEE LOCATES IT ON MUD CREEK BOTTOM.

Money Is Raised and Work Will Commence at Once—Herington to Dig Also—News of Dickinson County People.

The committee on the new gas well location has not picked the spot but will probably place the well on the Mud creek bottoms east of the creek and north and west of the cemetery.

A meeting will be held tomorrow night at Prendergast's store. Full attendance of stockholders and of citizens interested is requested.

About \$1400 has been raised for the new well.

HERINGTON WILL DIG.

Organizing a \$5,000 Company to Seek for Gas.

The people of Herington think they have the only place on earth in which to dig for gas or oil and are organizing a \$5,000 company to bore a hole in the ground. It is expected to go down 3,000 feet and the success with which the project is meeting indicates that the money will soon be available.

BEAT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

Abilene High School Ball Team Won the Game.

The county high school team was defeated Saturday by the Abilene high school team in a good game at Chapman, score 15 to 10. Abilene shows the effect of practice and puts up a good game. Baker fanned 10 men and Baker, Swisher and Waring made two-base hits. Baker and Swisher were Abilene's battery; Boles and Coleman, D. C. H. S; umpire, McNiff.

MANY POSITIONS ARE OPEN.

Civil Service Examinations to Be Held in Salina May 6 and 7.

There are a lot of choice positions open for those who can pass the civil service examinations requisite to gain appointments. The examinations will be held on May 6-7. The positions which are to be filled are agricultural chemist with a salary of \$1,500 a year; analytical chemist, \$1,800 a year; pharmacologist, salary \$1,800. These are for Philippine service, and there are besides, the positions of field assistants in forestry, salary \$1,000; architectural designer, salary \$2,500; nautical expert, salary \$1,000; copper plate engraver, salary \$1,080. Another examination will be held on June 3 for the position of matron in the Indian service.

Archdeacon Watkins to Leave.

Archdeacon Watkins' many friends in this city will be pleased to learn of his promotion. The Ellsworth Reporter says: "Archdeacon Watkins informs us that he has accepted a call from the church at Kennilworth, a suburb of Chicago, and expects to leave here about the first of June to take up his work there. We are sorry to lose the archdeacon, as he has endeared himself to the people of this community, and especially to the people of his church here as well as throughout western Kansas, where he has labored earnestly and faithfully for the upbuilding of his church and where his efforts have been crowned with the highest success; and we congratulate the church at Kennilworth in securing so efficient a shepherd to lead them in the paths of rectitude and honor. His farewell sermon here will be announced later."

Some Population Figures.

Assessors' returns show the following population figures:

	1902	1901	Gain	Loss
Union	478	502	24	—
Garfield	438	434	4	—
Noble	429	418	11	—
Chapman	713	737	—	24
Cheever	565	611	—	46
Jefferson	654	657	—	3
Rinehart	492	540	—	48
Fragrant Hill	546	600	—	54
Sherman	565	445	120	—
Wheatland	353	346	—	7
Lincoln	301	350	—	49
Solomon	923	885	38	—
Newbern	622	608	14	—
Holland	420	423	—	3
Carlson	106	—	—	—
Hayer	546	527	—	19
Moonlight	15	—	—	—
Hope City	528	530	—	2
Hope	482	548	—	66

PROF. STRONG OF OREGON.

Chancellor of Kansas University Is Chosen.

Special to the Reflector.

LAWRENCE, April 26.—The board of regents of the Kansas University today elected Prof. Frank Strong, of the University of Oregon, as chancellor.

Condemned in Missouri and Confiscated in New York.

Judge Clarke of St. Louis has convicted and fined heavily a number of grocers for selling baking powders containing alum.

The week before the Health department of New York seized a quantity of stuff being sold for baking powder which they found was made from alum mixed with ground rock, and dumped it into the river.

The health authorities are thus taking effective means to prevent the introduction into our markets of injurious substitutes in place of wholesome baking powders.

As alum costs only two cents a pound, there is a great temptation for those manufacturers who make substitutes and imitation goods, to use it. Alum baking powders can be detected by the health authorities by chemical analysis, but the ordinary housekeeper, whose assistance in protecting the health of the people is important, cannot make a chemical examination. She may easily know the alum powders, however, from the fact that they are sold at from ten to twenty cents for a pound can, or that some prize—like a spoon or glass, or piece of crockery, or wooden ware—is given with the powder as an inducement.

As the people continue to realize the importance of this subject and consumers insist on having baking powder of established name and character, and as the health authorities continue their vigorous crusades, the alum danger will, it is hoped, finally be driven from our homes.

Shadybrook Did Well.

SHADYBROOK, April 26.—In spite of the continued dry weather of last month and the great hardship experienced in the dairy business, Shadybrook creamery shows up very well. The March report just sent shows that 50,913 pounds of milk were received at the station, yielding 1,945 pounds of butter-fat, valued at \$496.01. C. Weber received the highest check, which was for \$50.87. C. Wendt received the next largest which amounted to \$36.29. J. B. Schick got the third highest which was for \$32.84. The price paid for butter-fat was 25 1/2 cents.

Castor Had Skipped.

Allen C. Castor, the former Kipp merchant, who was arrested at Solomon recently charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, has jumped his bond and his whereabouts are unknown. He was arrested and placed under a \$1,000 bond, secured by Joe Neil and T. W. Bright, of Dickinson county and J. M. Brewer, of Saline county. The bondsmen were in Saline yesterday and an effort will be made to locate the fugitive.—[Salina Union.

Sheriff Baker found Castor in Solomon late last night and turned him over to Saline county officials.

Ask Him

Ask your doctor what he thinks of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. He knows the formula, so ask him if there is anything better for purifying the blood, strengthening the digestion, and building up the nerves. Follow his advice, whatever it may be.

"I have taken Ayer's Sarsaparilla every spring since 1848. As a blood-purifying and nerve-strengthening medicine it cannot be equalled."

S. T. Jones, Wichita, Kans.

U. S. All Druggists. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

WILL UNITE DISTRICTS.

Another Vote Results in Graded School Establishment.

The first union of districts in Dickinson county will be in Rinehart where districts 103 and 97 will unite. On a vote some weeks ago there was one vote lacking to give those in 103 a majority of all in the district. State Supt. Nelson permitted another vote which was taken last week, resulting: 20 for, 6 against, 9 not voting. This gave a majority in that district also and the consolidation will now be an accomplished fact.

WHO WANTS A HOUSE?

One on East Fifth Is Apparently Without an Owner.

A curious complication has caused a small house to stand partly in the roadway on East Fifth street, apparently without an owner. Last January J. S. Schiveley bought it of O. L. Bates for \$280, giving a note which he signed as agent for C. C. Schiveley, his son. Later he decided he did not want the house and told Bates so. Schiveley says Bates agreed to take it back; Bates denies it. Anyhow, Bates ordered Schiveley to move the house off the lot, but it was not done. Two weeks ago Bates sold the lot, hauled the house into the street and attached all C. C. Schiveley's property on the notes. The court will have the job of untangling the knot. In the meanwhile nobody claims the house.

LOST VALUABLE CATTLE.

J. W. Creech, of Herington, Is Missing 40 Good Animals.

As a result of eating some poisonous weed in the early pastures 40 head of good cattle owned by J. W. Creech of Herington, died last week. It is thought that burdock was the cause of their death.

HELP YOUR PATRON.

Beat the Catalogue Houses at Their Own Game.

The greatest menace to the local merchant is the catalogue house. The mail order business has grown with the introduction of rural delivery because it is easy now for the farmer and his wife to sit down in the evening and look over the catalogue of some Chicago firm and order the goods they wish. They do not need to even visit town to mail their letter or to call for the package of goods. Hence, the convenience with which mail order business can now be done is increasing it largely. There is but one way for local merchants to meet this competition and that is by going into the mail order business also. Place in the hands of the farmers a catalogue of your stocks and prices, so arranged that the farmer can order by mail from you as intelligently and as cheaply as he can from some 15-story fake in Chicago and in most cases the farmer will prefer to do his mail order business with the local merchant.

FOR RELIEF OF FIREMEN.

Apportionment of State Fund Among Cities.

W. V. Church, state superintendent of insurance, yesterday completed the distribution of the firemen's relief fund, which this year amounts to \$22,516.05. The fund is collected by a two per cent tax on the premium receipts of fire insurance companies in towns which support fire departments having more than \$1,000 of equipment. The fund is devoted to the relief of firemen injured in the line of duty or the relief of their wives and children in case they are killed while in discharge of their duties. The fund this year is divided among towns in Dickinson county as follows: Abilene, \$159.42; Enterprise, \$35.29; Herington, \$103.43; Hope, \$12.91; Solomon, \$28.50.

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Abilene postoffice for the week ending April 29, 1902. Have your mail addressed to your box number and it will be promptly delivered:

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Lightner, P. C. Tanager, David.

LADIES' LIST.

Brown, Mabel. Engle, Kate.

One cent will be charged for all advertised letters.

Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised" giving date.

RICHARD WAINING, P. M.

OLEO BILL PASSED.

The Senate Agrees to the House Amendments.

GEN. SMITH ROASTED BY MR. SIBLEY

How Progress Made with the Agricultural Appropriation Bill in the House—The Chinese Exclusion Bill Ready for the President.

Washington, April 29.—When the senate met Monday Senator Harris, of Kansas, presented the following telegram he had received from the Kansas Millers' association: "Kansas millers, on account of foreign discriminations, with the best wheat in the world at their door are not producing over one-third of their full capacity. Unless your committee on foreign relations can give us relief through reciprocal concessions, placing our millers on an equal basis with foreign mills, many of our mills will shut down indefinitely and some of them will be forced to the wall. In our distress we look to our senators for relief."

After a brief discussion yesterday the senate agreed to the house amendments to the oleomargarine bill as passed by the senate. An effort was made by Senator Teller, of Colorado, to amend the measure so as to levy a tax of ten per cent, of the capital or assets on any butter trust that might be formed, but it was defeated.

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, addressed the senate in opposition to the Philippine government bill. He urged that the Philippines ought to be turned over to the inhabitants of the islands. He denounced the "cruelties and barbarities" alleged to have been committed on the Filipinos by the American army and said that he felt "like calling upon the great, brave and humane man now in the white house to probe these things to the bottom and at least to make them odious."

The conference report on the Chinese exclusion bill was adopted. Consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was begun, but not concluded.

Mr. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, created something of a sensation in the house yesterday during the general debate on the agricultural appropriation bill by severely denouncing Gen. Jacob H. Smith for the orders he issued in the Samar campaign. He declared that Gen. Smith was a disgrace to the uniform he wore and expressed the hope that the president would strip him of his uniform within 48 hours. Mr. Sibley's speech was enthusiastically applauded by the democrats and was received with some evidences of approval on the republican side. The speech was considered the more remarkable in that it came from a republican who left the democratic party on the issues raised by the Spanish war and who since has been an ardent expansionist.

Mr. Williams, democrat, of Mississippi, indorsed what Mr. Sibley had said.

Mr. Curtis, of Kansas, made a brief but fervent defense of Gen. Funston against the criticism to which he has been subjected. "The people of Kansas," he began, "are proud of the brave and daring record of gallant Fred Funston. He has been criticised here for an act which for daring of conception and execution ranks with the greatest features of arms—he captured the new George Washington—Aguinaldo. If another had accomplished what Gen. Funston did the democrats would have made him their candidate for president." He called attention to the fact that his promotion had been recommended by Gen. Wheaton and Gen. MacArthur, both soldiers of the civil war, soldiers who knew more of war and the rules of war than all the politicians in this country combined. "And his commission," he added, "was signed by the greatest president we ever have had—the soldier, statesman and martyr, William McKinley."

Upon the conclusion of the general debate slow progress was made with the bill, only 25 of the 49 pages being disposed of.

The conference report of the Chinese exclusion bill was adopted without debate. This sends it to the president.

Mr. Burleson, of Texas, introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of war for information as to whether Gen. Smith's order, relative to the war in Samar, was based on orders issued from Washington and requesting the transmission of all orders issued from Washington relative to the suppression of the insurrection in Samar.

Mr. Conry, of Massachusetts, introduced another resolution calling for information along the same lines. It asked the secretary of war for information as to whether Gen. Smith, in issuing the alleged orders, acted on his own responsibility.

Will Report About Wireless Telegraphs.

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made of Pure Grape Cream of Tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 100 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK.

Washington, April 29.—Lieut. J. N. Hudgins, who, with Lieut. Beecher, has been a witness to the signal service tests of wireless telegraphy over the North Carolina sounds, returned to Washington yesterday. The formal report of these experts will be made to Admiral Bradford by Lieut. Beecher, who has not yet returned. Lieut. Hudgins says the new system is full of promise.

WILL BE LITTLE WHEAT.

A Dispatch from Larned Says the Conditions Throughout the Western Kansas Wheat Belt Are Gloomy.

Larned, Kan., April 29.—The conditions throughout the western Kansas wheat belt continues dry. No rain with the exception of a few local showers has fallen in this section of the country since last June. There is no moisture in the subsoil to sustain the crop and the prospects at the present time are as bad as they could be. Implement dealers are, as far as they can, canceling their orders for harvesters. It is now conceded by all that, with the most favorable conditions from now on, there will not be more than enough wheat raised in this section for bread and seed. This condition applies to all the counties of south central and southwestern Kansas.

A POLAR EXPEDITION.

Plans Made to Find the Trail of the Baldwin Party in the Arctic Regions.

New York, April 29.—Plans for the auxiliary Baldwin-Ziegler expedition to northern polar regions have been completed and the men who have been entrusted with its direction and management will shortly leave for Europe. It is believed that Baldwin has worked to the northward of Alger island and that the America is fast in the ice. When the America is found an effort will be made to refuel her bunkers with coal and work her out of the ice pack. It is thought that Baldwin used the America as winter headquarters and worked north with sledges, establishing caches preparatory for the dash to the pole.

Military Surgeons to Convene.

Washington, April 29.—A preliminary announcement was issued yesterday giving details of the seventh annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, to be held in this city June 5, 6 and 7 next. Invitations have been extended to the armies of the world to be represented at the convention through their medical departments and France, Japan and Mexico have already signified their intention to send delegates. Other foreign countries have promised to forward papers. An especially interesting programme of scientific papers pertaining to military subjects will be read and discussed.

To Relieve Congested Condition of Canal.

Detroit, Mich., April 29.—Maj. W. H. Bixby, United States engineer in charge of rivers and harbors here, has been appealed to by Superintendent Ripley, of the Soo canal, for some means of relieving the congested condition of the shipping at that point, owing to the strike of tug firemen. The strike has interfered seriously with navigation through the canal and Maj. Bixby has announced that he will at once provide means of getting boats through the canal, either by furnishing government tugs to do the work or by means of steam capstans or an electric trolley system.

How to Kansas Eight-Hour Law.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 29.—The Kansas eight-hour law received a hard knock in the city court here yesterday when a jury of 12 men promptly acquitted J. W. Wright, a prominent contractor, who had been arrested on complaint of W. L. A. Johnson, state labor commissioner, for violation of the law.

J. P. MORGAN'S WISH.

It Is to Capture the Carrying Trade of the World.

SMALL CONCERNS BEING FROZEN OUT

More Than One Thousand Tramp Ships Lying at American Ports Unable to Secure Cargoes—The Lines the Great Promote New Controls.

New York, April 29.—It has been made plain that J. Pierpont Morgan's real intention is to girdle the globe and capture the carrying trade of the world. All he needs is the Russian transiberia road, which American engineers are building. Mr. Morgan is planning to build railways in China. He has asked China for a permit. Last week he secured the transatlantic steamers. This week he is after the South American ships and railways. What next he will do no man knows. But while Mr. Morgan is combining the big carrying line of the globe there are more than 1,000 ships—tramp ships—lying at American ports unable to secure cargoes. These ships belong to small fellows who do not control railways, hence are not able to make the through rates the big fellows offer. When they have been starved out there will be none to say "nay" to this mightiest of mighty men.

Mr. Morgan and six other American citizens have now become more powerful than any congress or parliament in the world. Fourteen steamship lines and 44 railroad systems are theirs. On land a mileage of 108,500 and on sea a tonnage of 1,200,000 are in their control. Three hundred of the largest steamships in the world and 30,000 of the best-equipped passenger and freight trains take orders from them. This railway mileage is greater than the combined mileage of Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Spain, Holland and Belgium. And more than 300 vessels which will sail under its orders cannot be duplicated from the merchant marine of every ocean.

A world-wide transportation trust has long been Mr. Morgan's dream.

BEEF TRUST INQUIRY.

The Attorney General of Missouri Petitions the State Supreme Court to Order Certain Packers Before It.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 29.—E. C. Crow, attorney general of Missouri, yesterday afternoon filed in the state supreme court, before Chief Justice Burgess, a petition for an inquiry into the "beef trust" and requiring the officers of packing companies to appear and give testimony as to their relation to the trust. The petition directs that the supreme court order Charles W. Armour, vice president of the Armour Packing company, of Kansas City; J. C. Dold, first vice president and principal officer in the state for the J. C. Dold Packing company, Kansas City; O. W. Waller, principal officer in the state and agent for Swift & Co., South St. Joseph; Gust Bischoff, secretary of the St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision company, St. Louis; and Walter Pfeiffer, president of the St. Louis Butchers' union, St. Louis, to appear before the supreme court May 6 and answer such questions as may be asked touching the question of combination, pool, agreement or confederation to fix, maintain and regulate the price to be paid by retailers and consumers of dressed beef and meats of all kinds, to limit the supply and production and to maintain such fixed supply, production and price as agreed upon. Judge Burgess granted the order.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 29.—Gen. Frank D. Askew, head of a wholesale saddlery and harness house here and one of the pioneers of Kansas City, is dead.